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An Act Concerning Pensions For Municipal Paraprofessionals and Noncertified School Personnel.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- Section 1. Subdivision (5) of section 7-425 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:
 - (5) "Member" means any regular employee or elective officer receiving pay from a participating municipality, any paraprofessional, as defined in section 10-155i, or other noncertified employee of a local or regional board of education and any regular employee of a free public library [which] that receives part or all of its income from municipal appropriation, who has been included by such municipality in the pension plan as provided in section 7-427, but shall not include any person, except a paraprofessional, as defined in section 10-155i, or other noncertified employee of a local or regional board of education, who customarily works less than twenty hours a week if such person entered employment after September 30, 1969, any police officer or firefighter who will attain the compulsory retirement age after less than ten years of continuous service in fund B, any teacher who is eligible for membership in the state teachers retirement system, any

- in whole or in part by the federal government as part of any public
- 21 service employment program, on-the-job training program or work
- 22 experience program, provided persons holding such federally funded
- 23 positions on July 1, 1978, shall not be excluded from membership but
- 24 may elect to receive a refund of their accumulated contributions
- 25 without interest.
- Sec. 2. (NEW) On and after the effective date of this act, any
- 27 municipality that is not a member of the Municipal Employees
- 28 Retirement Fund B, but has its own defined benefit plan shall allow
- 29 any paraprofessional, as defined in section 10-155i of the general
- 30 statutes, and any other noncertified employee of a local or regional
- 31 board of education within the municipality to participate in such plan.
- 32 For purposes of this section, "defined benefit plan" means a pension
- plan under which benefits are paid according to a pre-set formula.
- 34 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect from its passage.

Statement of Purpose:

To make pension benefits available to all paraprofessionals and other noncertified school personnel.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]